

Message Notes

The Retreat

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “Summer Vacation!”

Conflict Resolution
Reconciliation
Restoration

This week ~ The Retreat: The Outcome of Full Restoration Song of Solomon 7:9-8:4

1. Transition from Conflict Resolution
to Retreat
Song of Solomon 7:9-10

The Progression of Restoration

The Freedom of Forgiveness
Matthew 6:12-14
Colossians 3:13-14
Luke 17:3-6

2. Initiation
Song of Solomon 7:11
Ephesians 5:22-25

3. Creativity
Song of Solomon 7:12-13

4. Public Display of Affection
Song of Solomon 8:1

5. Bringing someone “home”
Song of Solomon 8:2

6. Transition from The Retreat to Warn-
ing about Love
Song of Solomon 8:3-4

Application – “3 Levels of Relationship”

Initiation
Creativity
PDA
Bringing us home

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Romans 5:8

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Romans 3:21-24

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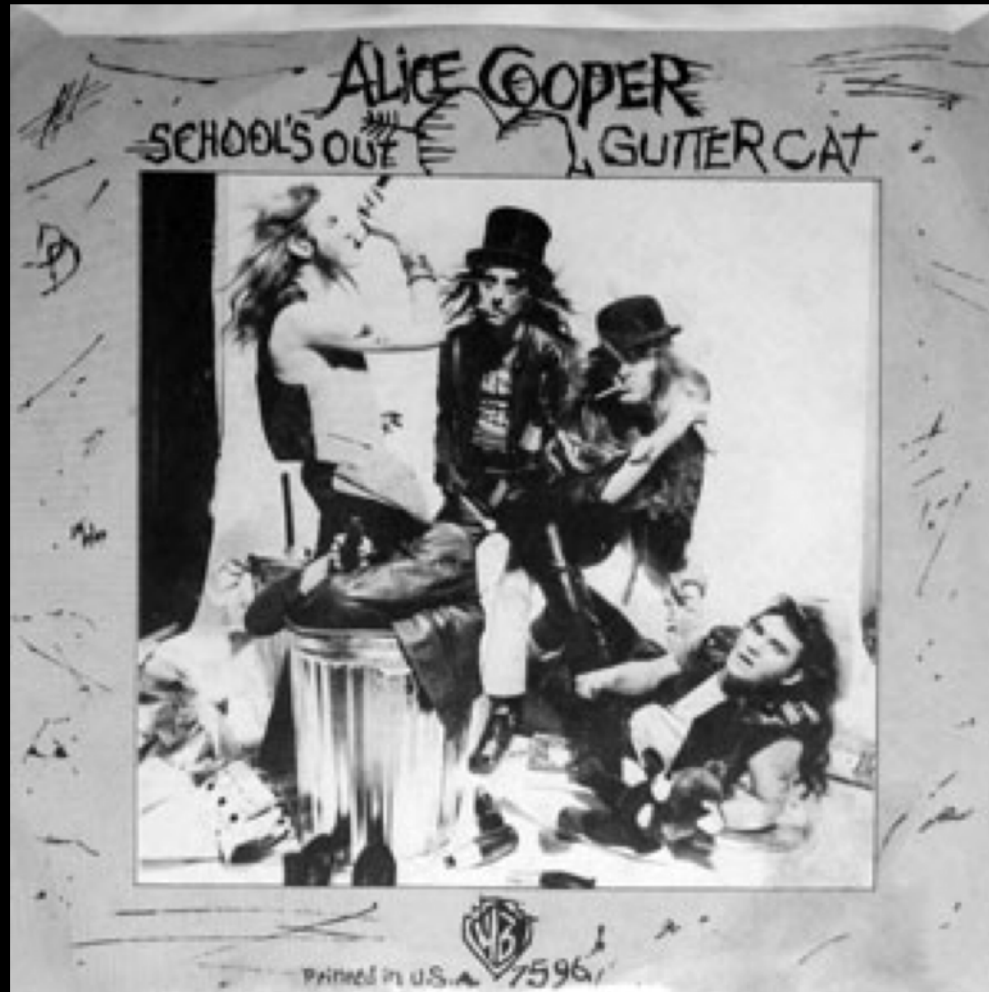
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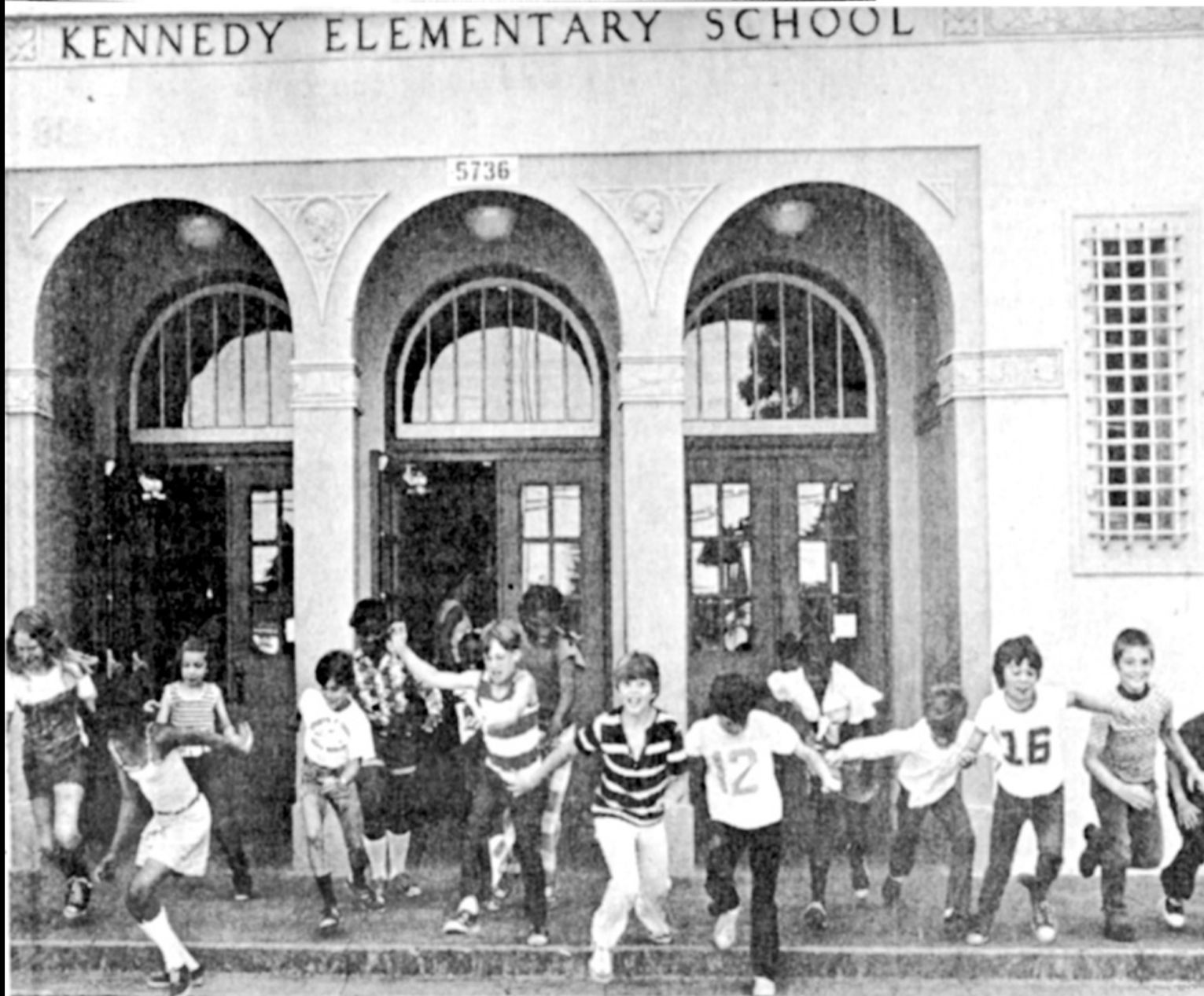
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“There's two times during the year. One is Christmas morning, when you're just getting ready to open the presents. The greed factor is right there. The next one is the last three minutes of the last day of school when you're sitting there and it's like a slow fuse burning. I said, 'If we can catch that three minutes in a song, it's going to be so big.'”

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SCHOOL'S OUT — Classes for almost 65,000 students in Portland School District's 125 schools ended Thursday and summer began but for these youngsters at Kennedy

Elementary School, the day was more final. The school will not reopen next fall.

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Song of Solomon 2:16, 6:3, 7:10

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Progression of Restoration

STAGE --- What is needed

Conflict --- *Sinners*

Forgiveness --- *The Gospel*

Repentance --- *Courage*

Reconciliation --- *Humility*

Restoration --- *Vulnerability*

The Freedom of Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12-14

¹²“Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’

¹⁴“For if you forgive men when they sin against you,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you
do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not
forgive your sins.”

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Colossians 3:13-14

¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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Luke 17:3-6

³“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

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